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DISTRICT OFFICERS.

District Judge, John C. Russell
District Attorney, D. M. Turner
District Clerk, Louis Kowalski
District court commences on the first Monday in the months of Feb. and September.

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County Judge, E. C. Porto
County Attorney, Agustín Celaya
County Clerk, Joseph Webb
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Treasurer, Celedonio Garza
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Precinct No. 1.—Antonio Vazquez
Precinct No. 2.—Thomas Carson
Precinct No. 3.—Narciso Cantu
Precinct No. 4.—Pablo Perez
County court meets for civil criminal and probate business on the first Monday in March, June, September and December.

CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor, Thomas Carson
Chief of Police, James H. Kihan
Treasurer, Alfred Taornham
Secretary, M. B. Kingsbury
Attorney, Frank Feuille
Surveyor, S. W. Brooks
Assessor and Collector J. A. Michel.

SCHEDULE.

OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at 6 a. m.
" Rio Grande City, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a. m.
For Point Isabel, daily at 9 a. m.
" Matamoros, Mexico, except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m.

ARRIVALS.

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.
" Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.
" Point Isabel, daily at 6 p. m.
" Matamoros Mexico, at 9:30 p. m.

Licquidated the Wrong Englishman.
The Hotel Del Monte at Monterey, Cal., is stirred up over a ludicrous mistake by which a prosaic English merchant was licquidated as Robert Buchanan, poet and dramatist.

The Briton arrived at the hotel three days ago with two friends. He registered in a fine, literary hand, and as he bore a strong resemblance to the author several ladies present declared he must be the author of "The Shadow of the Sword." So several ladies desired him to write his autograph in their albums with some poetical sentiment. He received all their flattery complacently, but grinding out poetry for them kept him up all night and the result was something to shake confidence in their idol.

The next day he was the center of an admiring group. His companions became suspicious and asked the hotel clerk why so much attention was paid their friend. They were amazed when they learned the true reason, because they declared their friend had never heard of Buchanan. They broke the news gently to him, but his conceit received a great shock. All three packed and left before disclosures came.—*Con. Chicago Herald.*

The Wilde Boys' First Appearance.
It is not generally known that the brothers Oscar and Willie Wilde first came to public notice on the occasion of the centenary of Thomas Moore at Dublin about fifteen years ago. It was proposed to perform an ode specially written for the occasion by Mr. S. N. Elington and composed by the well known Irish composer, John William Glover. The Wilde brothers, assisted by Mr. Sexton, the member for West Belfast, and then on the staff of The Nation, led a furious and successful opposition against the official adoption of the Nolan-Glover ode.

It may be only a coincidence, but the music to "The Boy of the West" Comedy the Wilde brothers performed in the son of the Wilde brothers in the Times.

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A Sea Serpent in Lake Erie.

While the schooner Madeline Downing, on its way from Buffalo to this city, was passing the Dunning, about 150 miles east of here in Lake Erie, Captain Patrick Woods saw about half a mile ahead the waters of the lake lashed into a foam.

Drawing near, to the surprise of the captain and all on board, a huge sea serpent wrestling about in the waters as if fighting with an unseen enemy was seen. It soon quieted down and lay at full length on the surface of the water.

Captain Woods estimates it to be about fifty feet in length and not less than four feet in circumference of body. Its head was projecting from the water about four feet. He says it was a terrible looking object. It had viciously sparkling eyes and a large head. Fins were plainly seen seemingly sufficiently large to assist the snake in propelling itself through the water. The body was dark brown in color, which was uniform all along. From what he says it would be capable of crushing a yawl boat and its occupants.

As the vessel passed on its course the snake was seen disporting itself on the lake. At the time he saw it the lake was calm and there could have been no mistake in recognizing the object.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Sermons as an Investment.

What is the most paying form of literature? Under certain circumstances, apparently, sermons. The sermon which Canon Fleming recently preached at Sandringham has already realized a profit of £1,300. Considering the comparative brevity of such a contribution to literature, this must almost be a "record" in publishing profits. Thirteen hundred pounds is no very excessive sum for a three volume novel, but for a pamphlet not much larger than a leading article in a newspaper it is a unique price.

But, then, the circumstances were unique. The sermon was preached by command of the Princess of Wales, and it had special reference to the premature death of the heir presumptive to the crown. One is glad to know that the excellent Gordon Boys' home has profited by the large sum realized by the sale which Canon Fleming has generously placed at its disposal.—*St. James' Gazette.*

An Adversity with Black snakes.

John B. Snyder, of Barto, Berks county, the skillful watchmaker, was out after wild raspberries the other day on the premises of his brother, Jacob Snyder, above Forgevale, when he met with quite an adventure. He was busy among some briars and brambles, when a big black snake suddenly reared up near him and came at him full tilt. The only weapon Snyder had was his berry kettle, which he swung at the head of the serpent, knocking it over. Then jumped upon and dispatched the enemy.

Just then down from a bush dropped the mate of the ugly reptile and at once showed fight, but this one also got a whack with the kettle and was soon killed. Mr. Snyder lost all his berries and left the field somewhat nervous and excited after his set-to and victory. The "snakes" were about 5½ feet long.—*Pottstown Leader.*

A Unique Fishing Scene.

Lowell people at Ocean Park had an experience that will enable them to tell about the largest fish story of the season. Soon after dinner it was discovered that the bluefish were driving mackerel in schools into Goose Fair brook, a stream about knee deep and a rod wide. By 4 o'clock probably 150 persons—men, women, boys and girls—were hard at work in the water. Every male who arrived at the scene of action promptly divested himself of shoes and stockings and entered the water. The women and girls did the same.

Altogether a conservative estimate would make the afternoon catch at least an ordinary one horse cart full.—*Lowell Mail.*

Arrested in the Eighth Inning.

Two twelve-year-old colored lads climbed a tree one day and proceeded to watch the ball game without livery at the box office. All would have been well if they had not broken off a branch of the tree. The owner, who happened to be in the neighborhood, saw the destruction of his property and getting an officer, slipped down the tree and caught the boys from their perch. They did not mind being arrested in the last half of the game, but begged the officer to let them remain until the game was over.—*Letter.*

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covering the shameful enactment forced upon the state by the ignorance and demagoggy. The federal court my friends is the last hope of of the citizen and the final guaranties of the rights of the people. Coke's reference to Andrew P. McCormick is a slander upon the bench and upon him personally. It is a slander upon one of the purest men that ever wore the ermine, a great lawyer and a grand judge. He can't be bought nor bullied and thank God for that sort of judges.

Judge Clark reviewed the Turner hall platform and closed his forcible speech with an eloquent invitation to all lovers of good government to join with him in a grand triumphant effort to redeem Texas from the spoliation and once more lead the state into the paths of progress, prosperity and happiness.

The speaker was listened to with marked attention and made a visible impression.

Judge Clark left the platform followed by hearty cheers from the grand audience.

\$1000 REWARD.

The state government will pay \$250 and the county commissioners' court will pay \$750, total, \$1000, to any person or persons giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the late Sheriff S. A. Brito.

EMILIO C. FORTO,
County Judge.

Dates for Teachers' Examinations

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18, '92.

The regular Teachers' Examinations will be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday in February, April, June, August, September, and November.

Special examinations may be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of any other month, except July, provided notice is given the State Superintendent at least two weeks before the day the said examination is to begin.

No questions for these special examinations will be sent to any county, except at the request of the county superintendent or county judge.

Most respectfully,

J. M. CARLISLE,
State Superintendent Public Instruction.

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